GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:268
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ACCIDENTS ON N.Hs
Jha Shri Raghunath

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 75,000 people are killed every year in road accidents, most of which occur on National Highways ;

(b) the number of people killed in road accidents on National Highways during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the quantum of amount spent by the Ministry for the safety of the lives of highway users and the benefits accrued therefrom ;

(d) the details of the facilities provided for the safety/benefit of the highway users and the arrangements made to provide emergency medical aid to accident victims ; and

(e) the steps taken to check accidents on National Highways ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a)&(b) : As reported by the State Governments, the details of persons killed in road accidents on all roads and National Highways during the year 2000, 2001 & 2002,on a state-wise basis is annexed.

(c)&(d) : Road Safety features are an integral part of road engineering projects. It is not possible to quantify the exact amount earmarked for road engineering related Road Safety Programmes on National Highways.

Besides, Central Government administers a number of road safety schemes which aim at inculcating an awareness about road safety amongst all road users including those on National Highways, refresher training of drivers of heavy vehicles in unorganized sector and to provide road safety equipments like crane and ambulances for clearing accident sites and evacuating accidents victims to the nearest medical aid centre etc. During the first two years of Tenth Five-Year Plan i.e. 2002-03 and 2003-04, an expenditure of approximately Rs. 29.75 crores and Rs. 35.48 crores respectively was spent on such Activities.

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare also provides assistance to the States/UTs under the scheme of 'Assistance for Capacity Building' for upgradation of emergency services/trauma care facilities in Hospitals including those located near the National Highways for the purpose of treatment of accident victims.

(e) : Some of the important steps taken by the Government besides highway design to check the road accidents on National Highways are as under :

(1) Grants-in-aid to voluntary organizations for administering road safety programmes.

(2) Publicity campaign on road safety awareness through audio-visual-print media.

(3) Encouraging use of simulators in driver's training.

(4) Institution of National Award for voluntary organizations/individual for outstanding work in the field of road safety.

(5) Organizing All India Essay Competition on road safety for school children with a view to create awareness.

(6) Tightening of fitness norms for transport vehicles.

(7) Widening and improvements of National Highways etc.

Annexure

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.268 FOR ANSWER ON 2.3.2005 ASKED BY SHRI RAGHUNATH JHA REGARDING ACCIDENTS ON N.Hs

Statement showing State-wise number of Persons Killed in India on all Roads and National Highways

All India/States/UTs.	All Roads			National Highways		
	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002
Andhra Pradesh	7615	8428	7517	2539	3036	2195
Arunachal Pradesh	89	71	102	11	23	34
Assam	1032	1021	1023	808	824	879
Bihar	1452	1043	1957	727	442	1058
Chhattisgarh	1102	1095	1620	363	382	670
Goa	231	234	260	110	112	121
Gujarat	5590	4502	5094	1973	1275	1561
Haryana	2941	2911	2987	1150	1178	1070
Himachal Pradesh	755	756	802	159	273	299
Jammu & Kashmir	729	770	872	320	145	353
Jharkhand	1244	1686	1746	493	677	731
Karnataka	5655	5805	6366	2185	2283	2430
Kerala	2710	2674	2792	945	1114	1148
Madhya Pradesh	3810	3865	4141	1266	1139	1389
Maharashtra	9840	9769	9523	3445	3383	3062
Manipur	131	89	120	56	45	50
Meghalaya	145	174	104	66	101	64
Mizoram	62	65	50	33	43	29
Nagaland	57	53	44	33	23	20
Orissa	1949	1933	2220	951	972	1100
Punjab	2406	2690	2638	823	924	1019
Rajasthan	5388	5187	5535	2312	2455	2535
Sikkim	40	50	55	8	11	27
Tamil Nadu	9300	9571	9939	4362	4407	4793
Tripura	125	175	157	41	74	38
Uttaranchal	556	704	705	142	321	376
Uttar Pradesh	8187	9654	9726	3418	3666	3758
West Bengal	3428	3712	4510	1026	2421	2435
A & N Islands	24	17	21	Nil	Nil	NIL
Chandigarh	126	118	110	22	9	22
D & N Haveli	32	40	32	Nil	Nil	NIL
Daman & Diu	20	13	18	Nil	Nil	NIL
Delhi	1989	1842	1696	330	268	251
Lakshadweep	Nil	1	NIL	Nil	Nil	NIL
Pondicherry	151	170	192	99	82	104
Total	78911	80888	84674	30216	32108	33621